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Subject: RE: SDWA 1431 Petition -- Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Contamination - follow-up from the 5/28 OCE weekly

Thanks Rosemarie. I'll send an email to Susan and Larry with the materials and meeting invite for June 4. I'll also briefly note the timeline in the email.

In response to your question below about the letter, Region 10 sent WED and OGC staff the first draft in early April. My recollection of how things evolved is that:

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Region 10 decided to send a letter to the state agencies, informally asking for more details on the private wells. So we provided edits/comments on the letter in April. I apologize for not elevating the letter sooner on our end. We talked with WED management about it and it seemed like an appropriate next step as part of the ongoing information assessment/gathering.	

We've been monitoring the situation and trying to help the Region. Having been involved in a few of the 1431 petitions the Agency received in the recent past, Pooja and I were counseling Region 10 that we should be as responsive and transparent as possible, especially given the scope of the potential risks in this longstanding regional nitrate matter. With the COVID-19 situation setting in by March (and **Non-responsive per agreement**) we didn't push the region as much on this, but of course still asked about how we could help, next steps, etc. We're guessing Dave may have asked recently for a briefing in the Oregon matter in light of the **Non-responsive per agreement**. But we're not sure.

I hope this helps for now.

Thanks,
Carol

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Thanks, Carol. I saw those emails from late February as well, but they were to Larry and did not mention a letter to the state agencies. When did R10 first engage with WED on the letter?

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Thanks for the opportunity to touch base with Susan about the Lower Umatilla drinking water matter during today's OCE weekly. Attached are the materials Region 10 developed for the briefing that Dave Ross requested. WED just received them today. While we did not have the chance to weigh in on the two pager for the June 4 meeting, WED did get to edit the draft letter to the state agencies (see email from Region with briefing materials and draft letter to ODA, ODEQ and OHA). In fact, it's

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Re: communications on this matter, Susan mentioned her last email was from January 24 (attached). But we did communicate with Larry in late February, answering a few questions he raised and giving him a status update (attached). After that, WED staff has had a few more calls with Region 10 (WDD and ECAD) and continued to ask about what was happening. Those have been mainly at the staff and chief level. The OW AA briefing sort of came out of the blue.

Moving forward, as far as the June 4 briefing for the AAs, should I forward the invite and the briefing materials to Susan now? I can do that today.

Thanks,
Carol

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